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TAGS: PLOS, EWWT, SENV, TGEN, SN

SUBJ: GROUNDED JAPANESE TANKER SHOWA MARU IN SINGAPORE

STRAITS

1. SHOWA MARU CURRENTLY ANCHORED 2.7 MILES SOUTHWEST OF ST. JOHN'S ISLAND IN INDONESIAN WATERS APPROXIMATELY 103 DEGREES, 50.3 MINUTES EAST LONGITUDE, AND 01 DEGREE, 10.2 MINUTES NORTH LATITUDE. TANKER TOWED BY TUG FOR SHORT DISTANCE AFTERNOON JAN 15 THEN SAILED ON ITS OWN STEAM TO PRESENT LOCATION, WHICH IS APPROXIMATELY 2 MILES DUE EAST FROM WHERE VESSEL RAN AGROUND. OIL STILL LEAKING FROM CENTER TANK AT TIME OF REFLOATING, BUT ACCORDING TO CONFIDENTIAL
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PORT OF SINGAPORE AUTHORITY (PSA), THERE IS NO EVIDENCE OF FURTHER LEAKING OR NEW SLICKS SIGHTED SINCE TANKER MOVED TO DEEPER WATERS.

2. OFFICIAL OF SELCO PTE. LTD., FIRM IN CHARGE OF SALVAGE OPERATIONS, TOLD EMBOFF THAT COAST GUARD TEAM AND EQUIPMENT WILL BE UTILIZED TO STEP UP CARGO DISCHARGE OPERATIONS. ESSENTIAL THAT OIL FROM 4 DAMAGED TANKS BE REMOVED ASAP AND CURRENT PLAN IS TO PUMP OIL FOR TRANSFER TO ADJACENT AUXILIARY TANKERS AS WELL AS TO SWITCH OIL TO THREE UNDAMAGED WING TANKS ON VESSEL ITSELF.

3. UPI SOUTHEAST ASIA BUREAU HAS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN FILING STORY ON CG TEAM ASSISTANCE OF SALVAGE OPERATION. UPI PLANS TO COVER ARRIVAL, BUT MFA HAS RULED OUT PHOTOS.

4. LOCAL PRESS ON JAN 16 CARRIED BRIEF WIRE SERVICE REPORT FROM TOKYO OF COLLISION IN SINGAPORE STRAITS NIGHT OF JAN 14 INVOLVING ANOTHER FULLY LOADED JAPANESE OIL TANKER (ENROUTE FROM PERSIAN GULF) ISUZUGAWA MARU, WITH UNLOADED LIBERIAN OIL TANKER. ACCOJWING TO PSA PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER, ACCIDENT OCCURRED OUTSIDE PORT LIMITS, 2 MILES WEST OF LIGHTHOUSE ON EXTREME WEST END OF SINGAPORE ISLAND. DAMAGE WAS MINOR AND NO OIL LEAKAGE REPORTED. ISUZUGAWA MARU RESUMED VOYAGE JAN 15 AFTER CHECK OF DAMAGE. CRONK

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